

REMARKS

Claims 4 and 6 through 14 are now pending in this application. Claims 6 through 11 stand withdrawn. In response to the non-final Office Action dated January 26, 2006, claims 1 through 3 and 5 have been cancelled, claim 4 has been amended, and new claims 12 through 14 have been added. Care has been taken to avoid the introduction of new matter. A petition for three month extension of the period for response, with appropriate fee charge authorization, is submitted herewith. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. patent 6,798,691 (Ounadjela). In response, claims 1 through 3 and 5 have been cancelled, claim 4 has been amended, and new claims 12 through 14 have been added. The rejection, insofar as it may be considered with respect to amended claim 4 and claims 12 through 14, is respectfully traversed.

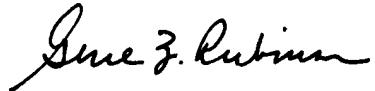
Independent claim 4 expressly recites, *inter alia*, “a side face of said magnetic recording element and a side face of said first conductor in said side are aligned to each other.” This feature corresponds to the description in the specification at page 12, lines 5-12. As Ounadjela neither discloses nor suggests the claimed configuration, claim 4 is patentably distinguishable. Claims 12 through 14 are dependent from claim 4 and recite additional limitations similar to the requirements of cancelled claims 1 through 3. Claims 12 through 14, therefore, are patentably distinguishable at least for the reason that they require the recitation of parent claim 4.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the application are respectfully solicited. To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under

37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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